



Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich
serving St. Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel

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Dear Friends,

We live in a very competitive world, a world that tells us we are really somebody when we are popular, when we have branded clothes or money, or look more beautiful than others, a world that judges our value on what we have or how we appear. On the day we die, what can we give back to God that came to us from this life, a life that He gave to you and to me? God wants us to die rich; He wants us to give Him a life that has value, a life that was lived well, rich in meaning and not lived in vain. a soul that is richly adorned with attitudes and personality characteristics that are similar to those of Jesus Christ. The riches of this world are extrinsic to our souls rather than intrinsic. We should be pursuing what is intrinsic and will be part of us forever rather than what is extrinsic and will disappear when we die. God wants us to grow, to mature, to develop characteristics that are rich in the gifts that God has given to us through Christ. Worldly people are afraid to die. Their feelings of self-worth are centred on things, not on virtues.

We stew too much, stew over what we don't have. We need to value what really matters, what is of lasting value, not what is passing. We need to value the love we have given, the love of God that can be present in the love we have given to others. Each of our days is filled with the presence of the Son

of God. The risen Christ is present in the each days rising sun. Every sun rising carries within it the Resurrection of Jesus. Likewise each tomorrow brings with it a fresh start, a new beginning, and the opportunity to live in the new life given us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. True, there will be gains and losses, just as there were in the life of Jesus. The crucial thing is for you and me to find Him in our todays and tomorrows so that we can receive and share His presence with those around us. With that vision we can wake up from the night of death and rise in the presence of God where we will find that our losses in this world and our gains in the life God has given us will not have been in vain.

Fr. Vijay

More Volunteers needed hospitality, cleaning and garden teams

The hospitality team prepare refreshments after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday in the Parish Centre. Cleaning can be done at a time which suits and takes about an hour and a half. Cleaning duties are on a rota and are approximately once every six weeks. More helpers would encourage our loyal team! Information from Debbie Stevens text 07928520537 for (hospitality/cleaning) or send a message to the Parish email or mobile.

Message from Friends of Holy Land

'Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £172.20 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.'

Baptism this Sunday by Father Vijay at 12.30pm

We welcome in to our Parish Family Master Jacob Clack

This Week in the Parish

Friday	Mothers' Prayers	9.45am	Room 4
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd August 2025

Sat	2 nd Aug	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Don Peppino (Fr. Giuseppe Peppino) for his health John Creamer RIP
Sun	3 rd Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Ford Family intentions The Parishioners Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass
Mon	4 th Aug	9.00am 6.30pm	Mass for the healing of Jayne Weaver, <i>St John Vianney</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	5 th Aug	9.00am	Anne Coll anniversary
Wed	6 th Aug	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Rosary Derek Whittaker RIP, <i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>
Thurs	7 th Aug	9.00am	Priest's intentions
Fri	8 th Aug	9.00am	Elaine Colin birthday celebration, <i>St Dominic</i>
Sat	9 th Aug	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross, (Edith Stein) Holy Rosary The Parishioners O'Hare Family Thanksgiving
Sun	10 th Aug	9.00am 11.00am	(Holmes Chapel) Bert and Mary Fewtrell RIP Priest's intentions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.30am to 12.15pm

Sacrament of Baptism: By arrangement

Please Pray for All

Who are sick at home and in hospital: especially Mike Hough, Catherine McIntosh, Margaret Strong, Frank Holbrook, Sue Reddan.

Who have died recently: especially

Whose anniversaries occur at this time: Molly Rees, Peggy O'Dea, Jim Quinn, Zeko Perocevic, George Wickham, Eileen Carroll, Mary Ryan, Con Meschel, James Wilfrid Costello, John McHale, George Galvin, Hannah Joyce, Malachy Young, Paul Reece, George Butler, Stacey Wright, Pope Paul VI.

Food Bank Shortages

Cream crackers,
Crisps
Fruit juices (long life)
Snack meals

Shrewsbury Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

Parish Jubilee Trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral 23rd October 2025

Depart St Mary's Middlewich 9am
return to Middlewich hopefully by 6pm

Please sign up, indicating payment method, your meal preference, all meals served with Filter coffee or tea.

There is the option after lunch to go into Shrewsbury town
Please sign the form at the back of church.

Churches Together, Holmes Chapel

Churches Together Committee was started by Bren & Pete Shackleton 50 years ago and they have both been active & leading members of the committee in all that time. Many thanks to you both for your dedication and loyal service!

The committee have representatives from the three churches in Holmes Chapel, St.Luke's Church of England, The Methodist Church and St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church. We meet just twice per annum to discuss & plan items such as Walk of Witness on Good Friday, the Christmas Market Stall, the Christmas crib & the Christmas card publicising Christmas services in each Church. Bren & Pete have now decided to retire and we would welcome anyone interested in joining the committee to help in any way that they feel able.

.Once again, a heartfelt thanks to Bren & Pete and we wish them well in their "retirement".